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1. The Soviet Commercial Mission in Egypt is reported [redacted] to have purchased ten million .303 cartridges (for English-type rifles) for shipment to Albania via Italy. The purchase was made through Roditi (fnu)* (sic) and Cohan (fnu) (sic),** arms merchants with offices at No. 13 Shari' Kasr al-Nil, Cairo. 25X1X

2. A high Albanian official at the court-in-exile of King Zog, who knows the situation along the Greco-Albanian frontier very well, asserted [redacted] that the shipment of light arms to Albania does not necessarily indicate the desire of the Soviets to renew the activities of Greek partisans on the Albanian frontier. These activities, he says, have been definitely localized. He believes that the shipments show only anxiety on the part of Moscow for the security of the communist regime in Albania, in view of a reported anti-communist campaign developing in the mountains. 25X1X

25X1A * [redacted] Comment. Probably identical with "Rodi" and "Caghan" who previously have been reported [redacted] as engaged in munitions deals for Egypt. "Roditi" or "Rodi" may be Rodi al-Aghaila (true name: 'Abd-al-Latif Abu Rigaila), who is known for his arms procurement activities in Italy for the Egyptian Government during the Palestine War. Abu Rigaila on 5 June 1950 placed a three-column notice in the Egyptian Gazette, in which he defended himself against charges of having supplied Egypt with defective munitions at exorbitant personal profit. The charges had been made by Senator Mustafa Marai Bey during his Senate Interpellation on the resignation of the Egyptian State Auditor-General. 25X1X

25X1A ** [redacted] Comment. "Cohan" or "Caghan" may be identical with Edmond Gahlan, an import-export agent with offices at No. 13 Shari' Kasr al-Nil, Cairo (The Egyptian Directory, 1950, lists no Cohan or Roditi at that address). It was reported [redacted] 25X1X
25X1X [redacted] that Gahlan had been in Rome from 18 to 22 April 1950 and that al-Aghaila had visited the Egyptian Ambassador in Rome on 28 and 29 April.

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